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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP

REF: (A) LAGOS 2409, (B) LAGOS 2410

1. WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF USING THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NIIA: (A) WHAT PRESS FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE; (B) HOW MANY PERSONS CAN IT SEAT; (C) PLEASE PROVIDE MORE DETAILS ON THE NATURE OF NIIA ITSELF, AND ITS MEMBERSHIP; (D) IS THE MEMBERSHIP EXCLUSIVE, OR MAY IT BE EXPANDED, AND HOW WOULD YOU RECOMMEND EXPANDING IT IF THAT PROVES POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE; (E) WHO BUILT THE BUILDING WHICH HOUSES NIIA; (F) WHAT ARE THE DRIVING TIMES TO AND FROM THE LOCATIONS PRECEDING AND FOLLOWING NIIA ON THE SCHEDULE?

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- 2. DURBAR IN KANO: WE ARE INTERESTED IN A POSSIBLE ONE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR "MINI-DURBAR" IN THE MORNING. BEFORE GOING FURTHER, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE IN OUTLINE FORM A LIST OF THE MAIN EVENTS WHICH WOULD FORM THE DURBAR.
- 3. KADAWA AGRICULTURAL PROJECT: WE ONLY WANT TO PLAN

ON TWO EVENTS IN KANO. FYI: IF THE NIGERIANS PRESS HARD ON KADAWA, YOU MIGHT POINT OUT THAT WE AGREED TO A KANO STOP AS A SPECIAL FAVOR FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO GENERAL OBASANJO. COMING AS IT DOES AT THE END OF THE TRIP, ANY FURTHER ACTIVITY DURING THE STOP WOULD PLACE AN UNNECESSARY BURDEN ON THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE. END FYI.

- 4. DEDICATION OF EMBASSY AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION SITE: PRE-ADVANCE TEAM WILL LOOK AT BOTH POSSIBILITIES WHILE IN LAGOS.
- 5. FOR THE KANO TRIP, WE PLAN THAT A PARTY OF APPROXIMATELY 250 PERSONS (200 PRESS AND PRESS STAFF AND 50 OFFICIAL AND TRAVELING PARTY) WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FURTHER DETAILS ON AVAILABLE HOTEL SPACE AND EATING AND REFRESHMENT FACILITIES IN KANO. WILL GENERAL OBASANJO FLY TO KANO WITH THE PRESIDENT ON AIR FORCE ONE? IF SO, WHAT STAFF WOULD TRAVEL WITH THE GENERAL?

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